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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

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The reply brief filed September 11, 2000 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

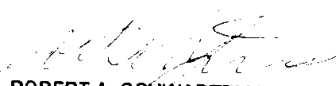
### *Conclusion*

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group Receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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